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Enclosures:	The Canelands Extension dBAR		

Attention: Ms Janine Isaac

THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT: PROPOSED CANELANDS EXTENSION BASIC ASSESSMENT, ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL

Dear Madam

In line with the requirements of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2010 Regulations, (under which this application was lodged in 2012) please note that the draft Basic Assessment Report (dBAR) is herein provided for comment and will be circulated to the following departments/ stakeholders for comment:

- EzemVelo KZN Wildlife;
- The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport;
- The National Department of Water and Sanitation;
- eThekweni Municipality (EM);
- Dube TradePort Corporation (DTPC);
- CoastWatch; and
- The general public – placed at the Canelands Public Library.

Please find herein your copy of the dBAR. The review and comment period afforded to the authorities/ stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties is stipulated below.

Comment period: 18 February to 26 April 2016.

Note that the application for environmental authorisation (EA) for the Canelands Extension was submitted on 26 June 2012 and accepted on 03 July 2012. The Basic Assessment (BA)

had then commenced but was placed on hold due to the development of the Climate Resilience Plan / Framework process. This plan is an undertaking by a partnership between Tongaat Hulett Developments (THD – the Applicant for the Canelands Extension BA), EM and DTPC.

The Climate Resilience Plan is a pilot for the EM's Northern Spatial Development Plan. The Climate Resilience Plan aims to provide insight into appropriate urban planning and development design that adequately considers the role of ecological systems and the built environment in reducing risk and explores how these can be practically applied in an influential spatial planning manner, reducing risk and enhancing resilience of the Municipality. In this new approach there is a clear adherence to the mitigation hierarchy in arriving to solutions. For this reason, all aquatic and wetland assessments have been revised with the application of this approach and in turn, this BA Report has been accordingly revised.

In addition, it is noted that a broad conceptual EMPr for the receiving areas identified in the Climate Resilience Plan is required by the National Department of Environmental Affairs. It is envisaged that this should include broad principles, rehabilitation interventions, objectives, conceptual biodiversity plans, and rough estimated costing's. However, we wish to clarify that this concept EMPr is not required to accompany this BA, because the wetland specialist is not recommending offsite rehabilitation on any of the receiving areas due to minimal impact on wetlands.

Please feel free to request any further information.

Yours Sincerely,

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